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## **Notice to Mariners: Wallops Island Projects Dec. 18 - 22**

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will launch two suborbital sounding rockets from Wallops Island between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18. December 20 through 22 are backup days. In addition, NASA and the U.S. Navy will fly two to three small aircraft like objects from Wallops Island from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily, Dec. 18 through 22.

The areas in the Atlantic Ocean that pose a danger to mariners during the projects are posted on the Boaters Launch Information page under the Wallops web site at [www.wff.nasa.gov](http://www.wff.nasa.gov). Boaters are asked to remain clear of these areas during operations.

Wallops will fly an orange aerostat (blimp) at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the mission is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune to Marine Channel 12 to monitor the operations.

Completion of the mission will be noted on the Boaters Launch Information page on the Wallops web site, as well as the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050. The sounding rocket mission will be web cast on the Wallops web site and also will be carried live on 760 AM, which has a range of five to 10 miles from the NASA Visitor Center, beginning 30 minutes before the opening of the launch window.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

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